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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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1 Resolved,

2 SECTION 1. CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.

- 3 The Senate finds that—
- 4 (1) reducing the threat of nuclear proliferation
- 5 remains one of our Nation's top priorities;
- 6 (2) while the nuclear arsenal of the former So-7 viet Union represented the single greatest threat of 8 nuclear attack to the United States before the
- 9 breakup of that country, reducing our two arsenals

- and disposing of the resulting weapons grade uranium and plutonium is one of the principal means by which the threat of nuclear proliferation can be reduced;
 - (3) while an agreement on the disposal of highly enriched uranium is under discussion by both the United States and the Russian Republic, a number of issues have slowed the finalization of the agreement:
 - (4) the prompt resolution of these issues is vital to United States national interests; and
 - (5) although each agency has been working to resolve the issues within its jurisdiction, there exists no centralized, high-level mechanism within the Executive Branch by which these pressing nuclear issues may be quickly and efficiently resolved.

17 SEC. 2. SENSE OF THE SENATE.

- It is the sense of the Senate that:
- (1) The President should establish immediately an extraordinary nuclear policy review group, to be chaired by the National Security Advisor and to be composed of high-level officials from relevant agencies, to seek to ensure that all outstanding issues between the United States and Russia relating to nuclear materials, including the highly enriched ura-

- nium agreement, are promptly addressed and resolved.
 - (2) The extraordinary nuclear policy review group should review in particular a range of nuclear policy matters that can and should be resolved by administrative procedures including the purchase agreement on highly enriched uranium and access to United States markets for Russian commercial grade uranium. Other programs to be reviewed include greater cooperation in technology transfer, nuclear safety and nuclear nonproliferation agreements; training and other programs to increase the stability of nuclear scientists and technicians of the former Soviet Union; and feasibility of additional efforts to accelerate the pace of dismantling the nuclear arsenal of the former Soviet Union.
 - (3) The President should provide a report to the appropriate committees of Congress within 90 days of enactment of this Act, detailing the findings of the extraordinary nuclear policy review group and its recommendations for resolving all outstanding issues between the United States and Russia relating to nuclear materials, including the recommendations for expedited administrative resolution of matters relating to the highly enriched uranium agreement and

- 1 access to United States markets for Russian com-
- 2 mercial grade uranium.

3 SEC. 3. APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.

- 4 For purposes of this section the "appropriate com-
- 5 mittees of Congress" shall include the Foreign Relations
- 6 Committee of the Senate and the Foreign Affairs Commit-
- 7 tee of the House of Representatives.